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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANNED ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING ACTIVITY AT SAUGET "SITE K" ON DECEMBER 8 & 9, 1992 BY THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (IEPA)

. As a routine part of the ongoing investigation of possible environmental problem-sites in the Sauget and Cahokia area : (known as the "Sauget Sites"), on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 8 & 9, 1992, a team of environmental specialists from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) will be collecting samples of soil from an area of Sauget, Illinois east of Falling Springs Road and north of a residential area on Queeny Avenue (known as "Site K" and "Yvonne Sauget Trust" in the Sauget Sites environmental investigation). (SEE ATTACHED MAP)

This long-planned follow-up site-investigation is expected to last two days, while the team collects samples of surface soils and an IEPA drill-rig collects samples from deeper soil-borings. This is the second look at Site K, following a 1988 IEPA study at the site, which suggested that some of the fill material deep beneath the present surface might contain some chemical contaminants. Since the 1988 study, 5 to 6 feet of fill material has been added to the site. The IEPA has no evidence at this time of any contamination of present surface soils at Site K.

IEPA is making this announcement in an effort to inform local officials, nearby residents, and local news bureaus of the planned sampling and to avoid misunderstandings when the sampling team appears at the site. Some of the sampling activities have a routine requirement that team members wear protective gear to avoid contact with possibly contaminated soils from below-ground. However, the required use of such gear by sampling-team members does not indicate any danger to the general public.

Any questions about the current sampling, or about other aspects of IEPA's environmental investigations of the Sauget Sites can be directed to:

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